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2. "Some say they understand 80 to 90 percent."
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I would agree that many Americans understand emigrants some 80 -90 percent of the time. This reminded me of my own situation when I arrived to the USA. I worked with both Ukrainian and Russian people for a long time, and I did have some English practice. When I lost my job, my friend accidentally got the information that one American family was looking for help. I was glad that I could get a job, but, on the other hand, I was sad and scared. I did not know how to communicate with them without sufficient English language skills. During the interview, I was honest and told them about my English level, but they decided to give me a chance. When I started to work for them, they told me that they understood me very well. One of the problems for me has always been the accent. One thing that I respect in American people is that even if one's English might not be perfect, they would never tell you about it. Instead, they will support you.

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4. "Then she began to talk more loudly."

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I support Amy Tan's mother in this situation. I support her because, very often, we, emigrants, are not treated with respect. Sometimes, we can be treated quite badly. I found myself in a very similar situation when I did not get my salary for my work. At times like these, you feel pain and injustice, and you ask yourself, "Why do they do such things?" In the situation like that, you can not control your emotions, and you can start talking loudly. Of course, I do not think that it is always proper, but sometimes we cannot hold our emotions inside, especially when we see injustice.

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